

## **ALEXIS DUDDEN**

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### **Research Interests**

Modern and contemporary Japan; Japanese-Korean relations; Northeast Asia; history of empire and memory politics; nationalism; trauma and reconciliation

### **Employment and Recent Affiliations**

2010-present	University of Connecticut, Professor of History
2007-2010	University of Connecticut, Associate Professor of History and Director, Program in Humanitarian Research
2004-2007	Connecticut College, Mercy Associate Professor of History
1998-2004	Connecticut College, Mercy Assistant Professor of History
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2016-2017	Visiting Fulbright US-ROK Alliance Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University (South Korea)
2013-2014	Visiting Faculty Fellow, Program in International and Regional Studies, Princeton University

### **Education**

1998	Ph. D. University of Chicago, History (With Distinction). Committee: Tetsuo Najita, Bruce Cumings, Prasenjit Duara
1993	M.A. University of Chicago, History
1991	B.A. Columbia University, East Asian Languages and Cultures (Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

### **Select Honors and Fellowships (past 5 years)**

2020 Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Distinguished Visitor (postponed)  
2019-2022 Association for Asian Studies Distinguished Lecturer  
2019 Peace Boat, Japan, Distinguished Lecturer  
2019 University of Connecticut, Summer Research Award (Fukushima initiative)  
2016-2019 Wuhan University (China), Distinguished Visiting Professor  
2016-2017 Fulbright Distinguished Lectureship (Yonsei University)  
2016 Korea Foundation, Distinguished Visitor  
2015 *Chosun Ilbo* (South Korea), Manhae International Peace Prize  
2015 Iksan (South Korea) International Justice and Peace Prize

## Books

***The Opening and Closing of Japan, 1850-2020*** (in process, under contract with Oxford).

The book addresses modern Japanese society through engagement with East Asian seas.

***Troubled Apologies Among Japan, Korea, and the United States*** (Columbia UP, 2008)

The book examines overlapping narratives of political apology and apologetic history among these three countries from 1945-present. (Choice Recommended 2008)

***Japan's Colonization of Korea: Discourse and Power*** (U of Hawaii Press, 2005)

The book analyzes the place of international law in Japan's colonizing endeavors in Korea, drawing attention to the intersection of international law and colonial policy. (Choice Outstanding Academic Book 2005; Korean translation, 2013)

## Select Book Chapters (past 10 years)

"Matthew Perry in Japan, 1852-1854," in David Kang and Stephan Haggard, eds., *Ten Events from East Asian History That Every IR Scholar Should Know* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020)

"Nitobe Inazo and the Diffusion of a Knowledgeable Empire," in Jeremy Adelman, ed., *Empire and the Social Sciences: Global Histories of Knowledge* (London: Bloomsbury, 2019)

"The Sea of Japan/Korea's East Sea," in David Armitage, Alison Bashford, and Sujit Sivasundaram, eds., *Oceanic Histories* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018), pp. 182-208

"Japan's Aspirational Idea of Inherency," in James Brown and Jeff Kingston ed., *Japanese Foreign Policy* (London: Routledge, 2017), pp. 88-99

"Two Strategic Cultures. Two Japans," in Ashley Tellis ed., *Understanding Strategic Culture in the Asia-Pacific* (Seattle: National Bureau of Asian Research, 2016), pp. 57-73

"Japan's Place in the World: Transformations of National Imaginations of Geography," in Yasemin Soysal, ed., *Transnational Trajectories in East Asia: Nation, Citizenship, and Region* (London: Routledge, 2015), pp. 207-219

"Okinawa Today: Spotlight on Henoko," in Jeff Kingston, ed., *Critical Issues in Contemporary Japan* (London: Routledge, 2014; reprint 2019), pp. 177-187

"Is History a Human Right? Japan and Korea's Troubles with the Past," in Akira Iriye, Petra Goedde, and William Hitchcock, eds., *The Human Rights Revolution: An International History* (New York: Oxford University, 2011), pp. 311-327

"Nationalism, Historical Legacies, and Territorial Disputes as Obstacles to Cooperation in Northeast Asia," in Gordon Flake, ed., *Towards an Ideal Security State in Northeast Asia 2025* (Washington: Mansfield Foundation, 2010), pp. 48-60

## Select Refereed Print Articles and Opinion Essays (past 10 years)

"[Academic Integrity at Stake: The Ramseyer Article](#)" *Asia-Pacific Journal* (February 2021)

"[Masks, Science, and Being Foreign: Japan During the Initial Phase of COVID-19](#)," *Association for Asian Studies*, (Fall 2020)

"[South Korea Took Rapid and Intrusive Measures Against COVID-19](#)," (co-authored with Andrew R. Marks) *The Guardian* (20 March 2020)

"[Japan's Rising Sun Flag Has a History of Horror](#)," *The Guardian* (1 November 2019)

"[America's Dirty Secret in East Asia](#)," *The New York Times* (23 September 2019)

"[Revolution By Candlelight: How South Koreans Toppled a Government](#)," *Dissent* (Fall 2017)

"A Push to End Pacifism Tests Japanese Democracy," *Current History* Vol. 11, no. 773 (September 2015), 224-229

“Anti-Americanism Will Spread if the Base is Forced” (in Japanese), *Ryukyū Shimpō* (11 November, 2014)

["The Shape of Japan To Come,"](#) *The New York Times* (16 January, 2015)

["Japan's Island Problem,"](#) *Dissent* (Fall 2014)

“The Ongoing Disaster,” *Journal of Asian Studies* Vol.71, no.2 (May 2012), 345-359

### **Select Internet-only Publications (past 10 years)**

["An Opportunity for Japan to Change People's Perception,"](#) *Asia-Pacific Journal*, March 1, 2020

["Listen to the Governor of Okinawa,"](#) *LobeLog*, November 12, 2018

["In Search of Historical Parallels for China's Rise,"](#) (co-authored with Jeffrey Wasserstrom), NPR, October 15, 2018

["The Lasting Implications of the Singapore Summit,"](#) *Dissent*, June 20, 2018

["The Goal in Korea Should Be Peace and Trade - Not Unification,"](#) (co-authored with Mary Alice Haddad and Joan Cho), *The Conversation*, April 30, 2018

["Keep Calm and Carry On... Gangnam Style,"](#) *Huffington Post*, April 22, 2017

["Abe Caught Out in School Scandal,"](#) *East Asia Forum*, March 12, 2017

["Hiroshima and History,"](#) *LobeLog*, May 17, 2016

["An Unfortunate Legacy,"](#) *The Indian Express*, January 14, 2016

["Despite Opposition, Japanese PM Wants to Allow Military to Deploy Overseas,"](#) *Huffington Post*, September 9, 2015

["Nominating Article 9 for the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize,"](#) *Asia-Pacific Journal*, January 19, 2015

["The Fourth Winter of Fukushima,"](#) *Foreign Policy in Focus*, January 1, 2015

["The Handshake of Asia's Dream?"](#) *Huffington Post*, October 25, 2014

["Call A Slave A Slave,"](#) *Huffington Post*, July 10, 2014

["The Nomination of Article 9 of Japan's Constitution for a Nobel Peace Prize,"](#) *Asia-Pacific Journal*, April 10, 2014

["History as Weaponry,"](#) (co-authored with Jeffrey Wasserstrom), *Guernica*, February 13, 2014

["Japan's NSA? Japanese Government Embraces Secrecy,"](#) *Dissent*, January 28, 2014

["Democratic Values and US Bases in Okinawa,"](#) *The Diplomat*, January 26, 2014

["Bullying and History Don't Mix,"](#) *Asia-Pacific Journal*, February 10, 2013

["Korea-Japan Standoff: Why Americans Should Care,"](#) *Huffington Post*, September 14, 2012

["Japan's Version of Kool-Aid,"](#) *Foreign Policy in Focus*, July 5, 2011

["Little Silver Riding Hoods,"](#) *Foreign Policy in Focus*, March 28, 2011

["Memories and Aporias in the Japan-Korea Relationship,"](#) *Asia-Pacific Journal*, April 5, 2010

### **Select Book Reviews (past 10 years)**

*Times Literary Supplement* (July 2019) of Michael O’Hanlon, *Senkaku Paradox* (Brookings, 2019) and Ezra Vogel, *China and Japan* (Harvard, 2019)

*Journal of Japanese Studies* (Summer 2019) of Chad Diehl, *Resurrecting Nagasaki: Reconstruction and the Formation of Atomic Narratives* (Cornell, 2018)

*American Historical Review* (Winter 2017) of Nayoung Aimee Kwon, *Intimate Empire: Collaboration and Colonial Modernity in Korea and Japan* (Duke, 2015)

*The Economist* (August 2017) of Richard Lloyd Parry, *Ghosts of the Tsunami: Death and Life in Japan’s Disaster Zone* (Jonathan Cape, 2017)

*Journal of Asian Studies* (Summer 2015) of Hyung Il Pai, *Heritage Management in Korea and Japan: The Politics of Antiquity and Identity* (University of Washington, 2013)

*American Historical Review* (Spring 2015) of Todd Henry, *Assimilating Seoul: Japanese Rule and the Politics of Public Space in Colonial Korea, 1910-1945* (University of California, 2013)

*The National Bureau of Asian Research* (January 2104) of Richard Samuels, 3.11 (Cornell, 2013)  
*Journal of Asian Studies* (Autumn 2013) of Karatani Kojin, *History and Repetition* (Columbia, 2012)  
*Diplomatic History* (Summer 2011) of Heonik Kwon, *The Other Cold War* (Columbia, 2010)  
*The Monumenta Nipponica* (Spring, 2011) of Mark Driscoll, *Absolute Erotic, Absolute Grotesque: The Japanese Empire, 1895-1945* (Duke, 2010)  
*American Historical Review* (Autumn, 2010) of Naoko Shimizu, *Japanese Society at War* (Cambridge, 2009)  
*Journal of Asian Studies* (Autumn 2010) of Mark Caprio, *Japanese Assimilation Policies in Colonial Korea* (University of Washington, 2009)

**Select Conference Papers and Invited Talks (past 2 years)**

Columbia University Law School (via Zoom)	11/20
“Unresolved Legal Dimensions of the Comfort Women System”	
Syracuse University (via Zoom)	10/20
“The Unbearable Heaviness of Being: America Between Japan and Korea”	
Ritsumeikan University (via Zoom)	10/20
“End the Korean War”	
Johns Hopkins SAIS (via Zoom)	10/20
“Beyond the 1965 System”	
Columbia University (via Zoom)	09/20
“Masks and Science: Japan and the Pandemic’s First Wave”	
Columbia University Law (via Zoom)	09/20
“Time to End the Korean War”	
Association for Asian Studies—in Asia (via Zoom)	08/20
“Japan During the First Wave of COVID-19”	
South Korea National Research Council (via Zoom)	07/20
“Japan and Korea’s Frictions Over History: The Role of the United States”	
Yale University (via Zoom)	07/20
“Comfort Women: The Struggle for Justice”	
National Intelligence University, Washington, DC (via Zoom)	05/20
“Korea: COVID Successes in the South and Succession Issues in the North”	
Australia National University, Canberra	02/20
“Engaging a Divided Japan with East Asia”	
Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto	02/20
“Seeing Japan from the Sea”	
Korea Society, NYC	02/20
“Korea-Japan Relations: Looking Back, Looking Forward”	
Harvard University	01/20
“Bonin Blue: Possibilities for Nature and Environment	
Korea Peace Institute, Seoul	11/19
“1951; 1965... The San Francisco System”	
Boston University	11/19
“Trouble Among East Asian Allies?”	
Foreign Policy Association, NYC	10/19
“Korea and Japan at a Crossroads”	
Queens College	09/19
“Understanding Contradictions in Modern Japan”	

Peace Boat, Japan “Fukushima’s Aftermath”	08/19
Brown University “The Sea of Japan/East Sea Naming Dispute and the Anthropocene”	04/19
Brigham Young University “The Sea With No Name”	03/19
National University of Singapore “The East China Sea in Modern History”	01/19

**Current Professional associations/affiliations**

Association of Scholars Concerned About Korea, Steering committee  
 Wuhan University (China), Institute of Boundary and Ocean Studies, Fellow  
 Harvard University, Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies, Associate  
 American Historical Association, Member  
 Association for Asian Studies, Member

**Recent Professional Service includes**

2015-present, Seoul Peace Prize, Selection Committee  
 2014-2017, American Historical Association, Fairbank Book Prize Committee  
 2014-present, American Philosophical Society, Review Committee  
 2013-present, Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Fellowship, Review Committee

**Languages**

Japanese; Korean; French

**Teaching**

Courses currently include introductory surveys of modern Japanese history; specialized undergraduate and graduate courses on modern Japanese history; introductory surveys of modern Korean history; international histories of modern war and diplomacy in Northeast Asia; senior honors thesis seminar; graduate courses on history and human rights; and specialized tutorials. (I have received the UConn Provost’s commendation for teaching excellence each term since Fall 2013 when the merit system began).

**Sample of recent media appearances**

*The New York Times*; NPR; *The Economist*; The History Channel